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Title : Internal Combustion Engine With Exhaust Gas  
Recirculation Device, and Associated Method

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**Mail Stop AMENDMENT**  
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Sir:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which  
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**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.